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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 181

By Jackson

A RESOLUTION To honor the memories of Mark Damien
DeLoach, Kellye L. Whitmore, and Jason Terrell
Hogan.

WHEREAS, The members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely deaths of three Dickson County Law Enforcement Officials, Mark DeLoach, Kellye Whitmore, and Jason Hogan; and

WHEREAS, The three Law Enforcement Officials were tragically killed in a car accident Saturday, March, 23, 2001; Shonia Felts and Steven Rychlik, also Dickson County Law Enforcement Officials, were seriously injured in the accident; and

WHEREAS, They were exemplary public servants and consummate officers who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mark Damien DeLoach, 21 years of age, had served as a Correctional Officer for the Dickson County Sheriff's Department since January 8, 2001; and

WHEREAS, He will be greatly missed by his parents, Joseph and Wanda DeLoach; his five brothers, Mitchell Birdwell, Shane Baggett, Corey DeLoach, Shannon DeLoach, and Joseph DeLoach, Jr.; and his four sisters, Kimberly Payne, Danielle Conquest, Valarie DeLoach, and Nikki DeLoach; and

WHEREAS, Kellye L. Whitmore, 23 years of age, had been a Corrections Officer with the Dickson County Sheriff's Department since November 4, 2000; and

WHEREAS, She will be greatly missed by her mother, Cathye Hooper; her step-father, Wade Hooper; uncle, Darryle Cooper; step-brother, Chris Hooper; grandmother, Helen Rippy; and cousins, Chris and Nick Cooper; and

WHEREAS, Jason Terrell Hogan, 23 years of age, had served as a Police Officer with the City of Dickson for six months; still a Rookie in training, he had been planning to attend the Police Academy this June; and

WHEREAS, He will be greatly missed by his son, Kyle Jordon Robison; daughters, Alexis Sherrell Hogan and Shania Nicole Robison; father, Scotty Lee Corlew; mother, Michaelyne Darden Turner; grandparents, Albert and Patsy Darden and Corrine Corlew; fiancée, Brandy Renee Tignor; brothers, Derrick Darden and Timothy Hogan; and sisters, Kimberly Darden, Tina Hogan, and Candice Hogan; and

WHEREAS, Mark Deloach, Jason Hogan, and Kellye Whitmore leave behind an indelible legacy of integrity with the Dickson County Sheriff's Department, compassion and loyalty in their private lives, and diligence and dedication in all their chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, In memoriam of their fellow officers, a flower arrangement in the shape of a sheriff's badge was placed outside the Dickson County Sheriff's Department; law officers also placed colored ribbons on their cars in remembrance of the officers who had died: gold, green, and white ribbons to mourn Correctional Officers Mark Deloach and Kellye Whitmore, and blue and white ribbons to mourn Police Officer Jason Hogan; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Kenneth Lindsey of the Dickson County Sheriff's Department said, "All of them were good officers, and it's tough working without them. They will be missed"; and

WHEREAS, Mark Deloach, Kellye Whitmore and Jason Hogan served the Dickson County Sheriff's Department with distinction and valor; they were individuals of promise, who will be remembered for their goodness and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful lives of these exceptional public servants and human beings; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memories of Mark Damien Deloach, Kellye L. Whitmore, and Jason Terrell Hogan, recognizing their meritorious service to the citizens of Dickson County, the courage and conviction with which they lived, and celebrating the beauty and joy that was each of their lives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the families, friends, and co-workers of Mark Deloach, Kellye Whitmore, and Jason Hogan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.